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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor : Bruce, Wesley B.  
Application Number : 09/970,624  
Filing Date : 10/04/2001  
Title : "A Nitrate-Responsive Root Transcriptional  
Factor"  
Group/Art Unit : 1638  
Examiner : Mehta, Ashwin D.  
Attorney Docket Number : 1263

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Request for Reconsideration and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 to Final  
Office Action mailed January 6, 2004**

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action of 01/06/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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